



Arcata grapples with rogue councilmember

Limited options for issues raised by harassment probe

Kevin L. Hoover
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ARCATA – The Arcata City Council was to meet Tuesday night after the *Union's* press deadline to consider ways to address alleged sexual harassment detailed in an investigator's report.

The 600-page report, based on an investigation by Karen Kramer of Kramer Workplace Investigations, included damning testimony by an unnamed staff member, reporting the councilmember pleading for affection and threatening the staffer's job. In response, Watson stated, "I've never harassed anyone in my life and I've worked tirelessly for the residents of Arcata."

While a staff report states that "the City is duty bound to take corrective, preventative, and/or remedial action(s) in response to the results of the Investigation report," its options are limited. As an elected official, Watson can't be dismissed by anyone other than voters via a recall or replacement via the ballot box, and his term of office runs through December.

But, continues the staff report, an employment attorney consulted by the city "recommends, at a minimum, that the City pursue a restraining order against Councilmember Watson."

Watson has reportedly been asked to "immediately cease: (i) meetings with any staff outside of City Hall," including in-person or other communication outside of council meetings and after working hours. He has also been admonished against "physical contact (i.e., hugs) with any staff members."

However, states the staff report, "Watson has declined to execute the acknowledgement and has declined to stop engaging in the aforementioned communications or interactions with staff."

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Fire Dept. going for a more inclusive name

Jack Durham
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McKINLEYVILLE/ARCATA – The Arcata Fire District Board of Directors supports changing the district's name and wants to do so quickly.



Justin McDonald

Fire Chief Justin McDonald and others with the district say they routinely talk to people who think that the district only serves Arcata, even though it serves a 62-square-mile area that includes McKinleyville, Arcata, Bayside, Manila and Jacoby Creek.

The board hasn't selected a new name, although McDonald did provide a list of potential names. They include Humboldt Fire District #5, Mad River Fire District, North Bay Fire District, North Coast Fire District, Northern Hum-

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Gateway Area Plan mobility pondered

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ARCATA – The Gateway Area Plan (GAP) got more detailed scrutiny last week by Arcata's Planning Commission. A new element of the city's General Plan, the GAP outlines land use policy for a 138-acre redevelopable area near Downtown Arcata. The plan was released in December 2021 and is under review by city commissions, commissions and the City Council.

While last week's Planning Commission meeting focused on mobility, upcoming sessions will drill down on

streetscape, employment, arts, open space, infrastructure, housing, design and the project's EIR.

GAP skeptics have raised a number of nightmare scenarios they say will beset Arcata should the draft GAP be adopted as is, casting the plan as, among other things, business-unfriendly.

GAP activist Chris Richards suggested that existing businesses will be required to add housing if they wish to expand their businesses, and "be forced into their business becoming stagnant." In written comments to the EDC, he said "erasure of the rare

Light-Industrial zoned lands leave businesses without options and would be forced to leave Arcata."

Community Development Director David Loya said, as he has in previous meetings, that no current non-conforming business will be forced to move. He directed those curious to the project's online FAQ, which addresses the question.

Loya said that major non-conforming manufacturers in the area could still have their expansion plans processed via discretionary review. He said city staff would likely support

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County Plano signs off on Bayside roundabout

Coastal permit being appealed

Daniel Mintz

MAD RIVER UNION

BAYSIDE – In an unusual land use decision, Humboldt's Planning Commission has approved a coastal development permit for a portion of a controversial roundabout at the intersection of Old Arcata and Jacoby Creek roads.

Part of an overall repaving and safety rehabilitation of Old Arcata Road, the roundabout will replace an existing T-intersection near historic buildings and a private school, the Mistwood Educational Center.

The roundabout's proximity to the buildings and the school put it on the commission's radar last February.

During a meeting the night after the Arcata City Council approved the overall project's Environmental Impact Report (EIR), commissioners said they'd been contacted by Bayside residents objecting to the roundabout.

Planning Director John Ford said part of the roundabout is within a county right-of-way but Arcata is the project's lead agency. The roundabout "is not a land use issue that exists for the county," he told commissioners.

But not so fast – in early March, Ford gave a follow-up presentation and said that the county right-of-way area is actually within the coastal zone, triggering the need for

ROUNDABOUT ♦ PAGE 5



BAYSIDE CORNERS The roundabout's features. VIA COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

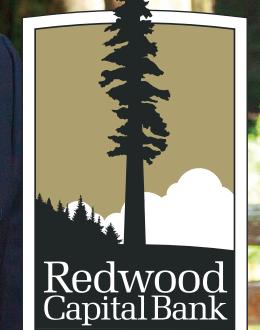
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All about Arcata's Residential Rental Inspection Program at D Street Neighborhood Center

CITY OF ARCATA

ARCATA — The City of Arcata invites members of the public to join us on Monday, May 23 at the D Street Neighborhood Center, located at 1301 D St. in Arcata, from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. to hear more from staff on the proposed Ordinance No. 1552, regarding the Residential Rental Inspection Program (RRIP).

The ordinance was first introduced at the Council meeting on Sept. 15, 2021.

The City of Arcata is seeking to create the RRIP to proactively address the issue of substandard long-term rental properties.

The Building and Engineering Department particularly encourages community members directly affected by this program, such as renters and rental property owners, to come to this in-person meeting.

Members of the community can also submit their comments and suggestions directly to the department.

Community input is crucial in designing and implementing a program that works for all and promotes the health and safety of city neighborhoods.

To stay up to date with the latest information regarding the RRIP you can sign up to receive eNotifications at cityofarcata.org/list.aspx.

If you have any comments or suggestions, please reach out the Building and Engineering Department at RRIP@cityofarcata.org or (707)-825-2156.

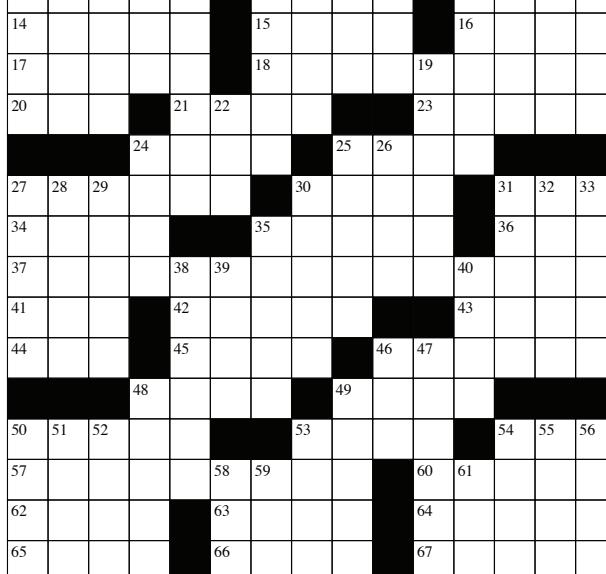


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45. ___ my lips!"	33. Family tree members
46. Plaids and paisleys	35. One not to be trusted
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HUMBOLDT DHHS

HUMBOLDT — Humboldt County Department of Health & Human Services, Division of Environmental Health Division (DEH) staff will host public workshops over the next three months to help evaluate the county's Local Area Management Plan (LAMP).

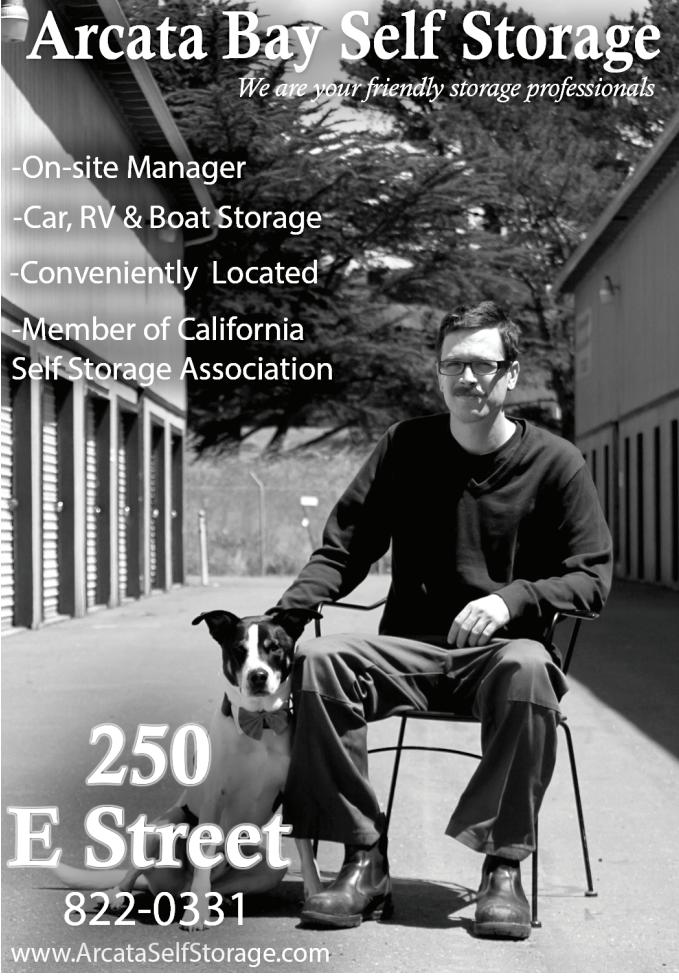
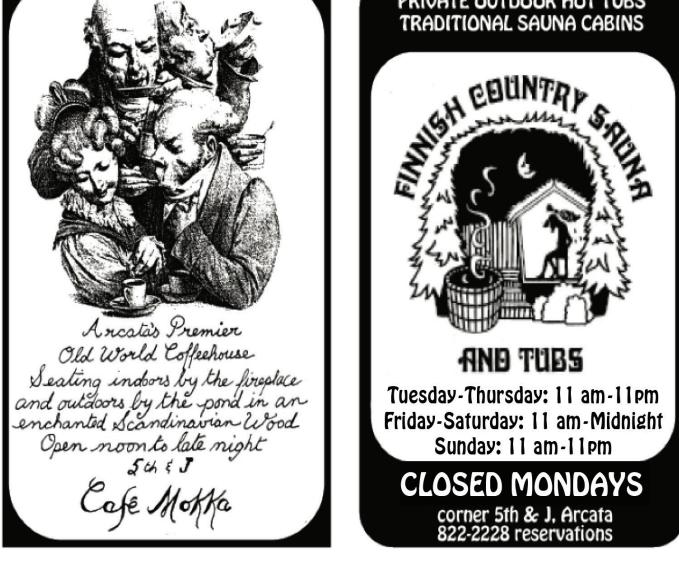
The purpose of the workshops is to give participants an opportunity to evaluate the LAMP's water quality assessment program so staff can better understand the performance of existing Onsite Wastewater Treatment Systems (OWTS) and consider any negative effects of OWTS on our groundwater and surface water resources.

Required every five years, the evaluation report will be submitted to the North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board. Information about in-person workshops in June and July will be announced.

The latest workshop information can be found on DEH's Public Announcements webpage. If you have any questions regarding the upcoming public workshops, please contact DEH Land Use Program staff at 707-445-6215 or envhealth@co.humboldt.ca.us.

HITTING THE MARK The Arcata Zen Group invites the public to a Dharma talk titled "Immediately Hitting the Mark." Head Teacher and Soto Zen priest Eugene Bush will speak Sunday, May 22 at 9:45 a.m. Meditation begins at 9 a.m. To join via Zoom visit arcatazengroup.org. Eugene Bush, D.D. began formal practice in 1982 and received Dharma transmission in 2010. (707) 826-1701, arcatazengroup.org.

CLOUDS AND WATER The Arcata Zen Group invites the public to a Dharma talk titled "Depending on Clouds and Water." Head Teacher and Soto Zen priest Eugene Bush will speak Sunday, May 29 at 9:45 a.m. Meditation begins at 9 a.m. To join via Zoom visit arcatazengroup.org. Eugene Bush, D.D. began formal practice in 1982 and received Dharma transmission in 2010. (707) 826-1701, arcatazengroup.org.



ARPA funding gives local childcare access a big boost

COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

HUMBOLDT — Humboldt County's local child care system was devastated during the COVID-19 pandemic, and in order to help stabilize the system and ensure families have access to child care going forward, the Board of Supervisors unanimously approved a \$4.8 million program, funded by the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), that provides grants, loans and subsidies to local child care providers and families.

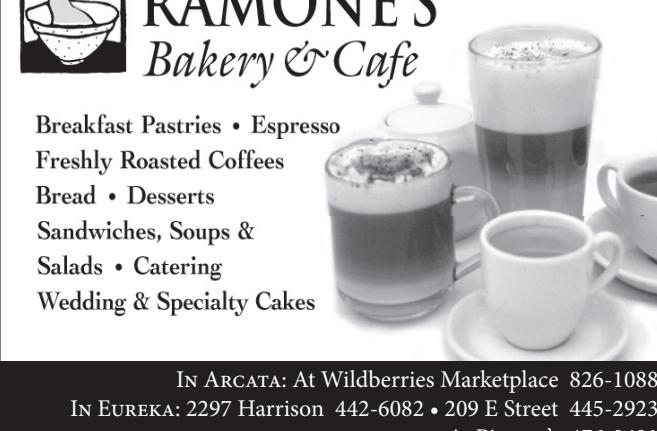
The program, developed by the Humboldt County Child Care Taskforce, will provide funds for child care retention bonuses, hiring bonuses, forgivable loans to transition centers/homes from preschool to infant and toddler care, educational loan forgiveness for those who receive early childhood education degrees, child care subsidies for working parents, business support, and the establishment of a Child Care Sustainability Commission to study the local industry and develop a plan to maintain these programs.

The county polled and interviewed businesses to determine what services they required most to help navigate the COVID-19 pandemic, and child care services for employees was among the top three priorities named by employers. The initiative is a direct response to the reported needs of the Humboldt County's business community.

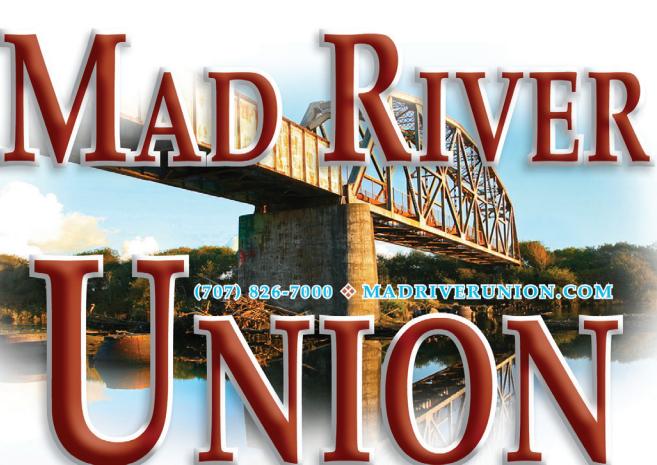
Child care has been identified by the federal government as an industry that has been disproportionately affected by COVID-19. This is evidenced by the crisis facing Humboldt County's child care industry: 80 percent of Humboldt County's working families looking for child care are unable to find a licensed care provider, and those who provide child care services have struggled to make ends meet. Since March 2020, Humboldt County has seen a roughly 30 percent closure rate of available child care service providers, with at least 6 percent closing permanently.

The Child Care Grant and Loan Program will be administered by the Arcata Economic Development Corporation (AEDC). The county will make an announcement when the Child Care Grant and Loan application process begins, and more information will be provided as it becomes available.

WORKDAY AT MARSH A work day will be held at the Arcata Marsh on Wednesday, May 18. Starting at 9:30 a.m., volunteers are sought to help move soil into the third phase of the Native Plant Garden in front of the Interpretive Center. Bring gloves, water, and rakes or shovels. For more information, call (707) 826-2359.



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Only in the seaside village

A new American flag is flying above Trinidad Bay Memorial Park at Edwards at Trinity streets courtesy of the United States Coast Guard and the City of Trinidad.

LTJG Sattelberg, BMC Carter McGuire and SN Peter Dubose raised the flag last Wednesday at precisely 8 a.m. with a salute and *The Star-Spangled Banner* playing. The Coast Guardsmen are repeating the ceremony and replacing flags at memorial sites around Humboldt County in anticipation of Memorial Day on May 30.

Trinidad Memorial Ceremony

The Trinidad Civic Club will holds its annual Memorial Ceremony on Sunday,



Co-President Dana Hope will officiate at the ceremony. No chairs are provided. Bring a lawn chair or a blanket to sit on the ground.

Following the ceremony, the late Joan Baker, former Trinidad Civic Club lighthouse secretary, library volunteer, teacher and wife of retired City Councilman Jim Baker, will be honored at a Trinidad Town Hall collation. Friends of Joan Baker should RSVP their attendance by emailing tcc@trinidadcivicclub.org or call (707) 677-3655.

Lions Club Breakfast

Start Sunday, May 29 with a hearty Lions Club Breakfast between 8 and 11 a.m. at the Trinidad Cafeteria. Friendly



May 29 at 2 p.m. at Trinidad Bay Memorial Park.

The ceremony, approximately 40 minutes long, will include bagpipe music, an invocation, remarks by a USCG representative, and reading of the names of those Lost at Sea and Buried at Sea whose names are engraved on the Memorial Wall and at the Trinidad Memorial Lighthouse at the Harbor, and *Taps*. Trinidad Civic Club

Lions prepare pancakes and eggs with ham or sausage or biscuits and gravy with eggs and plenty of coffee for only \$8 for adults and \$4 for children under 12. Browse the book sale and pick out your summer reading selections at very reasonable prices.

Community Yard Sale June 4

Coordinated in conjunction with the City of Trinidad's waste reduction programs, the City is promoting



FLAG RAISING Left, BMC Carter McGuire, LTJG Devin Sattelberg and SN Peter Dubose of USCG raise the U.S. flag at memorial sites around Humboldt County. Above, BUSCG raises new flag at Trinidad Bay Memorial Park. SUBMITTED PHOTOS

a community yard sale event on Saturday, June 4, rain or shine.

Host your own sale in front of your residence or team up with neighbors on your street. For more information, contact Jennifer Hakonen at jhakonen@trinidad.ca.gov or call (707) 677-0133.

Candidate Forums on KEET

Don't forget you can hear County-wide candidates in anticipation of the Tuesday, June 7 election on KEET-TV, Channel 13.

District Attorney candidates Stacey Eads, Adrian Kamada and Michael Acosta will debate on Wednesday, May 18; Recorder-County Clerk Registrar of Voters candidates Tiffany Hunt Nielsen, Benjamin Hersberger and Juan Pablo Cervantes will voice their views on Monday, May 23; and

Superior Court Judge candidates Ben McLaughlin and Steven Steward will debate on Wednesday, June 1. All voter forums begin at 7 p.m.

Budget meeting May 24

The Trinidad City Council will hold its second May meeting on Tuesday, May 24 at 6 p.m. via Zoom. This meeting will concern itself with the City 2022-23 budget. Email City Clerk Gabriel Adams at cityclerk@trinidad.ca.gov to receive City meeting announcements, which include the Zoom links to virtual meetings. At each Council meeting, members debate the wisdom of returning to in-person Town Hall meetings, continuing virtual meetings or finding a hybrid solution to public meetings.

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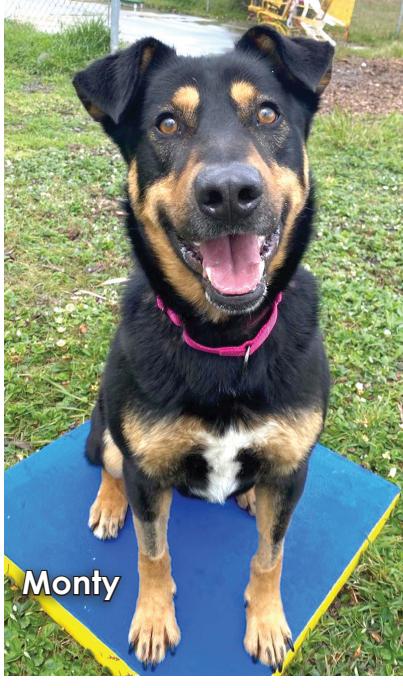
Ladybird is a one-year-old female lab mix. She has a slender build, gorgeous brown eyes, and a great smile! She was lost for six months before she turned up at the shelter.

When she was reunited with her family they only gave her a day or two before stating that she wasn't the same, and they didn't want her anymore.

She was then found wandering at the mall after being supposedly "rehomed." No point in saying what we think about that.

This is a lovely dog who has been through a bit lately but is bouncing back with flying colors! Ladybird is attentive to her person, takes treats gently, and knows some obedience skills. She likes to play with toys and currently her favorite is a yellow squeaky lion.

Ladybird loves the company of her many dog friends and we



Monty

think she would be thrilled to have a canine buddy in her new home. She particularly likes the big boy dogs. She had a great time in the play yard recently with Ozzie, the husky/shepherd featured here recently.

Ladybird would love to meet that special someone who will show her that adoption is forever (and if they have a canine play-

mate for her, so much the better).

They will be rewarded with a sweet and loving companion that will be ready for any adventure! Contact Redwood Pals Rescue at redwoodpalsrescue@gmail.com or leave a voicemail at (707) 633-8842.

One of Ladybird's good friends is Monty. He is a two-year-old male of uncertain heritage – a handsome mutt mix!

Monty arrived at the shelter somewhat unfamiliar with being leashed and unsure of his new environment.

Redwood Pals Rescue has been working with him since his arrival and we were thrilled that he just passed his temperament tests and is now adoptable through the Humboldt County Animal Shelter!

Monty has been great company with a variety of dogs on his walks, though he is also happy to go out with just a human companion. In the play yard he is playful and knows fetch and comes when called.

He is also eager to learn and you can see his eyes light up when it is training time (his love of



Ladybird

treats may contribute to this!).

Monty is quite affectionate and loves to snuggle during quiet time. Monty is just a big puppy looking for someone to love him.

If you think you might be that person, please contact the Humboldt County Animal Shelter at

(707) 840-9132 to make an appointment to meet him. Redwood Pals Rescue is also happy to answer questions about Monty at the contacts listed above.

Both Monty and Ladybird (and all of our adoptable dogs and cats) are altered, microchipped and current on their vaccinations.

KHSU 90.5 FM's new program lineup

KHSU
CAL POLY HUM-BOLDT — On Monday, May 16, public radio listeners in the North Coast will hear a new lineup of shows that bolsters the news and cultural programming on KHSU. After more than two years of limited NPR programming repeated throughout the day, the updated schedule features 28 shows airing on weekdays and weekends.

The flagship NPR news magazines *Morning Edition*, *Here & Now* and *All Things Considered* remain a core part of the new weekday lineup. These shows will be supplemented by breaking news, feature stories and interviews with new additions that include:

- *Fresh Air with Terry Gross* — interviews on contemporary arts and issues

- *Science Friday* — science, technology and other cool stuff

- *Marketplace* — public radio's signature daily business show

- *BBC NewsHour* — international stories and voices

Weekend programming will also receive notable updates. Joining NPR's news shows *Weekend Edition* and *All Things Considered* are other public radio staples, including:

- *This American Life* — host Ira Glass describes it as "little movies on the radio"

- *Wait, Wait...Don't Tell Me* — NPR's news quiz that always makes you laugh

- *The Moth Radio Hour* — true stories told before a live audience

- *TED Radio Hour* — compilations of TED Talks centered on a common theme

- *Hidden Brain* — an exploration of the unconscious patterns that drive human

"Programming has been limited for KHSU listeners during the past few years," Phil Wilke, general manager at KHSU and NSPR, said. "This update provides the North Coast with enhanced listening options for daily and breaking news, and it also opens the weekends to a wide range of great public radio shows that offer humor, storytelling, news, documentaries and even travel."

"We've added local features and increased the state-government reporting. We plan to continue adding local coverage and voices as we're able. I look forward to hearing from our listeners with their thoughts on the new schedule."

The updated programming will air on 90.5 FM Arcata-Eureka, 91.9 FM Crescent City, 89.9 FM Garberville, 99.9 FM Willow Creek, and 88.7 FM Ferndale. Radio Bilingüe will continue on 103.3 FM in Humboldt and Del Norte counties, and the 24-hour BBC programming will continue on 90.1 FM Ferndale and 107.7 FM Trinidad.

The new KHSU schedule can be viewed at khsu.org.

If you have questions or comments, please contact General Manager Phil Wilke at khsu-contact@humboldt.edu.

Gateway | Community design process

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business expansion plans, as would the Planco.

"It would just be a planning process just like you have to go through right now," Loya said.

Regarding the topic du jour, mobility, Loya said the GAP includes a range of "baked-in" policies that will enable infrastructure to support sustainable neighborhoods alternative transportation modes such as public transit, walking trails and bicycling. It also reduces parking requirements and encourages car sharing, he said.

"There's a lot of thought that went into creating options for a car-free lifestyle," Loya said.

The "Complete Streets" policy under consideration by the City Council highlights ways in which communities have implemented alternative transportation features such as bulbouts and bicycle boulevards, Loya said. These include various layouts for street design incorporating sidewalks, bikeways and roads.

Loya said GAP policies encourage such features, but that they would be specified in detail in any development plans.

Further discussion centered on potential circulation impacts on heavily used Gateway-area streets. One public speaker was skeptical that safety issues could be engineered away, and that some situations are likely to be overlooked. He said traffic enforcement, an essential component, is lacking – especially with the imminent arrival of thousands more Cal Poly Humboldt students and their vehicles.

"I don't see this working," he said, listing F, H and K streets and Alliance Road as "a really dangerous situation." "If you're a resident living on one of those streets, you're going to get more pollution, you're going to get more noise." He said city officials such as the police department and City Council have told him, "You're absolutely right and we're not going to do anything about it."

Richards said the area's traffic issues aren't presently related to capacity, but speeding and disregard for laws. "The problem really isn't too much traffic," he said. "That's not a realistic thing."

He also wondered why the public scoping results from a two-day Gateway Open House at the Arcata Community

Center in January hadn't been incorporated into the meeting's staff report.

"You're spending all this time going through over this again and again, but you're missing some of the major points of introducing what little public participation you've created," Richards said.

Former Planning Commissioner Ann King Smith also called for more public comment to be infused into the deliberations. Those comments, she said, generally oppose density-boosting measures such as taller buildings and larger housing complexes, and if needed, would likely defeat the GAP's goal of enabling 3,500 housing units to be created. "I just don't think we'll achieve those 3,500 units," she said.

She said the mobility policies are "great," but she opposed incentivizing developers to add features such as EV charging stations and bike parking in return for denser developments.

"These are simply standards for development in Arcata; they're not extras, and I think they should be required," she said. She also wanted more city investment in public facilities such as meeting places, schools, playgrounds or a new library branch.

Patricia Cambianca also asked for a summary of the Open House findings, as well as long-promised 3D modeling studies. She said the plan's FAQ "don't seem to be really reflecting the questions that the community is really asking." She said "robust community import" is vital, but that "it hasn't really been there."

"There's a lot of people in the public that still haven't heard about the Gateway Area Plan," she said, with opaque processes stifling community involvement.

"The transparency has been dismal, it's been vague, it's been dismissive, it's been kind of like 'plansplainin' to us," Cambianca said.

Aaron DeBruyn urged disclosure of public input, and asked whether a single-family home is a nonconforming use that could trigger form-based code requirements if expanded.

Matt Simmons of the Redwood Co-

alition for Climate and Environmental Responsibility (RCCER) praised the GAP as "the most bike- and pedestrian-friendly plan ever proposed in our area."

He said its easily accessible transportation options prioritize people over cars and would influence

citizens to make more environmentally friendly decisions.

But, he said, density is key to making it work. "If you've got people living closer to where they're going... they're more likely to walk, bike and take public transit." That density, he said, would also ensure higher use of public transportation. "It makes all of these mobility options of walking, biking and taking public transit feasible," Simmons said.

Loya admitted that "we haven't met those timelines" in disclosing all the promised data, but that his department is "working diligently to provide a large volume of work."

"We will deliver on these things and they are critical paths, so the documents won't be adopted without seeing them," Loya said. Creation of 3D GIS models that show bulk and massing are "ongoing," with visualizations still being refined. He said they should be ready "soon," and will be used during a coming community design process, and that the entire GAP database will ultimately be available during the City Council's deliberations.

In response to a query by Vice Chair Judith Mayer, Loya said the GAP process is flexible, with meetings and follow-ups scheduled in response to the somewhat unpredictable amount of discussion the different components may require. "The schedule is going to be modified to reflect that new information as we work through this public hearing process," Loya said, citing design as an example. "I can't really frontload that."

The community design process will tackle different elements of the plan's form-based code – streetscape, bulk and massing, and building articulation – in an interactive public forum. This will include public meetings and other ongoing opportunities for comment. This engagement will then be summarized for the commission to ponder. In late summer or early fall, he said, the Planco and council could then hold joint design study sessions.

Commissioner Kimberley White said that with up to 9,000 new residents inbound, she wanted to see public restrooms incorporated into the plan. "Hopefully we'll bring that to the conversation," she said.

The Planco's next meeting will continue the mobility discussion and possibly move on to employment, arts and open space.

Fire Dept. | Name change put on approval fast track

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boldt Fire District, Redwood Empire Fire District and Redwood Coast Fire District.

"I'd like to see this done as soon as possible," said board member Blaine Maynor at the May 10 meeting. "You can see that Arcata votes yes and McKinleyville votes no, and I think a lot of this is because of the name."

Board member Randy Mendosa said he supported the name change, but wants public input.

"To do this right, we need to have a very robust public process," Mendosa said. "The ultimate would be to put it on the ballot."

Maynor disagreed, saying he'd rather do the name change "in house."

"I think we'll just muddy the waters if we do this by committee," Maynor said.

McDonald said that he would research the costs involved in the name change and bring that back before the board at its next meeting. He also said he would send out a public letter to let the community know about the name

SUGGESTED NAMES

Humboldt Fire District #5, Mad River Fire District, North Bay Fire District, North Coast Fire District, Northern Humboldt Fire District, Redwood Empire Fire District and Redwood Coast Fire District

change and to solicit input.

It's not clear all of the expenses that would come from a name change, but when the idea was suggested in 2014, the district budgeted \$10,000 to pay for new badges, patches, vehicle door decals, station signs, uniforms, stationery, a website and Facebook update and fees associated with state and county paperwork.

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Watson | Range of measures

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While "under normal circumstances," the staff report states, the city could require corrective training, reprimands, or suspension, demotion, transfer, pay cuts or termination, those options are off the table with a sitting councilmember.

Instead, the city may specify training, censure and limitations on Watson's activities, including removal from committees and other assignments, and/or eliminating access to city facilities except during regular business hours.

The report describes in detail the lawful procedures for conducting a censure hearing. The city is treading very delicately in relating to Watson, given the potential – if not likelihood – of legal action. Watson has repeatedly claimed, during council meetings and other public statements, that he is not receiving "reasonable accommodations" from the city with regard to his cognitive disability.

Another option recommended by the employment counsel is a Workplace Violence Restraining Order (WVRO) to protect staff.

At a minimum, Watson seems likely to lose his council liaison assignments to Redwood Region Economic Development Commission (RRDEC); Humboldt-Del Norte Hazardous Materials Response Joint Powers Authority; Humboldt County Local Community Benefit Indian Gaming Committee; COVID-19 Economic Recovery Collaborative; Homelessness and Housing Working Group; and North Coast Unified Air Quality Management District.

The staff report projects TRO cost to the city as between "\$7,500 and \$15,000 to prepare and argue." Continues the report, "It is difficult to ascertain the remaining fees and costs associated with an action seeking a permanent restraining order at this time as numerous circumstances related to this matter may affect the fees and costs (i.e., Watson's opposition to the order or mootness of the requirement of the injunctive relief if Watson is not reelected). At this time, Employment Counsel estimates that the remainder of the injunctive action will cost between \$40,000 and \$80,000."

Fentanyl-related overdoses, deaths spiking

Daniel Mintz

MAD RIVER UNION

HUMBOLDT – Humboldt County's sheriff is warning that fentanyl "is everywhere" and is now the leading cause of death in young people.

The county's Board of Supervisors approved a proclamation for National Fentanyl Awareness Day at their May 10 meeting.

With fentanyl overdose deaths rising, the proclamation describes National Fentanyl Awareness Day as "a moment to educate Americans about the high prevalence of fentanyl in drugs to help them understand the enormity of the risk from even just one pill."

"I think it's important that we have this information out, in the forefront, in Humboldt County," said Sheriff Billy Honsal. "In the last two years we've seen a skyrocket in local use and also overdoses here."

He added that the top priority for his office, the county's Drug Task Force and local police departments is to "get the word out that fentanyl is everywhere now, it is being laced in every single drug."

Originally made to help people with severe and chronic illness deal with pain, fentanyl is 100 times more potent than morphine, Honsal told supervisors.

"Of course, over time, illicit drug manufacturers found out that this is an easy thing that they could replicate and sell on the black market," he said.

Honsal said that in 2019, there

were only six fentanyl arrests in the county. So far this year there have been 70 arrests, he continued, which mirrors the numbers from last year.

There were 35 fatal fentanyl overdoses last year and between confirmed and suspected overdoses, there are 24 so far this year.

Public Health Director Sophia Pereira said 54 percent of the overdoses in 2021 were of people younger than 40 years old.

Honsal talked about the impact. "I'm tired of hearing the stories, our Coroner's Office is tired of having to share the bad news to loved ones," he said, adding that fentanyl overdose is now the leading cause of death of people ages 14 to 23.

"Our young are dying from this," said Honsal.

Fentanyl is sometimes packaged as "fake pills" resembling prescription opiates, he continued, which motivates a strong warning.

"Do not take any prescription drugs that you don't know for sure came from a pharmacy, that you were prescribed, because you really don't know what it is," Honsal said. "It really could take one pill – and you're it, it's done."

The county is stepping up its distribution of Narcan, an opioid blocker that reverses overdoses.

A mobile outreach van distributes it in partnerships with non-profit agencies and Narcan can be obtained through the county's Public Health Branch and the Eureka Community

Health and Wellness Center.

And Narcan is becoming an increasingly handy accessory.

"Are we getting to that point where you're suggesting that most everybody that's out and about should have this in their glove compartment?" asked Supervisor Rex Bohn, who said he'll do so himself.

"I think the big message here is that if folks want access to it, they can get it and it's at no cost to them and there's no harm in having it on you," said Pereira. "So we definitely encourage folks to have it on them if they have any concern or just want to be ready with it."

Pereira said a combination of school-based and parent and caregiver education is the prevention prong of fentanyl crisis response.

County versus Paz Dominguez

Also at the meeting, conflict between county departments and Auditor-Controller Karen Paz Dominguez ratcheted up with actions taken during closed session.

Supervisors unanimously voted to hire a law firm to defend against a lawsuit from the state over non-submittal of mandated financial reports.

The state is suing both the county and Paz Dominguez and in related unanimous actions, supervisors voted to not defend Paz Dominguez and to have the law firm file a "cross-complaint" against her.

Paz Dominguez is up for re-election on June 7.



AT OLD ARCAT AND JACOBY CREEK ROADS The currently configured three-way intersection and the planned roundabout.



VIA COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

Roundabout | Approved with addition of new hedge to buffer school

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county approval of a coastal development permit.

The May 12 permit hearing renewed debate over the roundabout, which will include crosswalks, lighting and sidewalks.

Kathleen Stanton, a historic preservation consultant and Jacoby Creek Road resident, said there are five historic "landmarks" near the project area, including the circa-1882 Mistwood schoolhouse.

She told commissioners the roundabout will bring travel lanes closer to historic buildings and described it as "an adverse effect to the historic setting and to the viewsheds for these structures."

Mistwood Co-director Alice Finen said the roundabout will offset the school's goal to "provide the most safe, calm and protective environment possible."

The roundabout will impact one of the school's driveways and its parking lot, which acts as a buffer from the roadway, she continued.

Other residents said light pollution and expansion of pavement will negatively affect the roundabout area.

Roundabout defenders included Old Arcata Road resident Jim Zoellick, who said his family's home is close to the project area.

He emphasized that the project's goal is to improve safety by calming traffic. "The slowed traffic is going to improve safety for pedestrians and bicyclists throughout the Bayside community as well as for the children at the Mistwood school," he said.

Other residents agreed and said opposition to the roundabout is a minority opinion.

Of the residents who spoke, 10 opposed the roundabout and 14 supported it.

After the public comment period, Arcata Community Development Director David Loya advised the commission that consideration of historic preservation and project alternatives has already been done in the city's EIR process.

Ford said the commission's focus is narrow, as the permit only covers effects on

coastal resources.

But there was discussion on whether the project area itself has historic significance.

Commissioner Thomas Mulder – who said he'd gotten more than 50 emails about the project – visited the site and found that "the buildings are beautiful but the landscape where this project is going, that we have to analyze, is concrete, asphalt, a power junction box, power poles and an old nasty pump house."

He also noted that the Mistwood school's parking lot is in a county right-of-way and asked if an encroachment permit had been approved for it. Public Works Deputy Director Bob Bronkall said one hasn't been.

"I've really tried to study this as thoroughly as I can and I find myself coming out with the opinion that the project as proposed is the best project to meet the goals," said Commissioner Noah Levy, whose district includes Bayside.

He added that he's "somewhat troubled" that Mistwood's concerns are "based

on treating as sort of an entitlement what has really been the use of public property for their parking lot and in fact, that parking lot should really be seen as part of the county right-of-way."

Commissioner Melanie McCavour also supported the roundabout but her motion to approve the permit included a condition that a hedge be installed along the roundabout sidewalk adjacent to Mistwood.

After clarifying that the hedge is conditioned on not creating safety issues and an agreement will be forged with the city on maintaining it, the commission voted 5 to 1 to approve the coastal development permit.

Commission Chair Alan Bongio cast the opposing vote because after visiting the area twice, he concluded that traffic is too light to justify a costly roundabout.

Ford noted that an appeal has been filed against Arcata's coastal development permit for the project and the county's approval can also be appealed to the state's Coastal Commission.

Street bunny, Cap'n America avert their gaze

• Sunday, May 1 12:56 p.m.

When a Park Avenue trash can fell over, a neighbor asked police to have the owner set it aright.

• Monday, May 2 10:10 a.m.

J Street roommate relations took a pigmentatious plunge when one co-habitant fired paintballs at another resident's bedroom door. As for the bedroom window, that might have been paintballed or even BB gunned.

11:15 a.m.

In a timely melding of polysyllabic entities, the Mobile Intervention Services Team (MIST) responded to the Intermodal Transit Facility (ITF) for an unspecified malfunction where behavioral expertise was more helpful than law enforcement.

12:57 p.m.

An unknown thief

who may have a housekey has stolen pots, pans, medical records and bank cards from a Bayside Road apartment. The invisible interloper also shredded a fur coat for unknowable bad guy reasons.

• Tuesday, May 3 4:32 p.m.

A bicyclist paused outside an Alliance Road mini-mart to take out his knife and yell at it, then possibly cut himself as the Captain America doll mounted on his handlebars avoided eye contact.

• Wednesday, May 4 11:01 a.m.

Whilst strolling past a Plaza storefront alcove, a man day-camping there stood up, unzipped, whizzed, then laid back down in the doorway with his companion rabbit.

11:46 a.m.

A man with a leashed rabbit was described as dragging

the bunny down the sidewalk.

• Thursday, May 5 8:58 a.m.

A man at an historic downtown storehouse alleged that something fell on his "precious stone" and damaged it. The reporting party suspected that the man was trying to scam him out of insurance money for hurting his Precious.

• Saturday, May 7 11:13 p.m.

A yellington breached decorum at a Northtown erotic supply depot, where bellowed-at patrons weren't in the mood to test the bounds of propriety, at least not in that manner.

• Monday, May 9 10:38 a.m.

Police were asked to respond to a telephone pole on Bayside Road where nearby, a man with a cane was said to be "shuffling his legs."

• Wednesday, May 11 2:49 p.m.

The Northtown porn disruptor was back at it. But why?

Help Andrea's shop survive

ARCATA MAIN STREET

ARCATA – Andrea Romero has been making handcrafted piñatas since 2013. After doing many by commission and on Etsy, she started vending at Arcata Main Street markets in 2021 and is a regular at downtown events. In January she opened a physical storefront at 632 Ninth St. just east of the Plaza next to Tippecanoe, a fabulous tiny vintage store that helps support NPA school programs.

Andrea uses the space as an artist studio and retail store. She loves crafts of all kinds, makes jewelry and other treasures beyond the piñatas she's known for. "I love it when people find something they like that they want to share with someone special to them," she said

Recently, though, Andrea's little store was victim of a broken window – her main and only large sidewalk-facing window.

"I am building this business from the ground up," she said. "It's hard to not be discouraged."

If you'd like to help cheer on and support this creative Arcata entrepreneur (whose mom is the amazing Alba Lopez of the wonderful Fritanga Nica Nicaraguan Food Booth frequently at Farmers' Market, Sunday Art Markets and at many events around the community), order a piñata, make an appointment to visit her store, and thanks so much for shopping small and shopping local!



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SOROPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL OF ARCATA

ARCATA — Soroptimist International of Arcata once again invites the public to enjoy a Grab-n-Go box meal, prepared by Cassaro's Catering, on Wednesday, June 8. This is a fundraising event to support our annual scholarships to graduating seniors from the Northern Humboldt Unified High School District.

There are four tasty box meal options which include a pulled pork sandwich box, chicken enchiladas, chicken salad wrap, and vegetarian lasagna. All meals include sides and dessert for the price of \$15 each. Orders must be placed by Sunday, June 5. Pick-up is Wednesday, June 8, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. or 4 to 6 p.m. at St. Mary's Leavey Hall, 1730 Janes Rd. in Arcata.

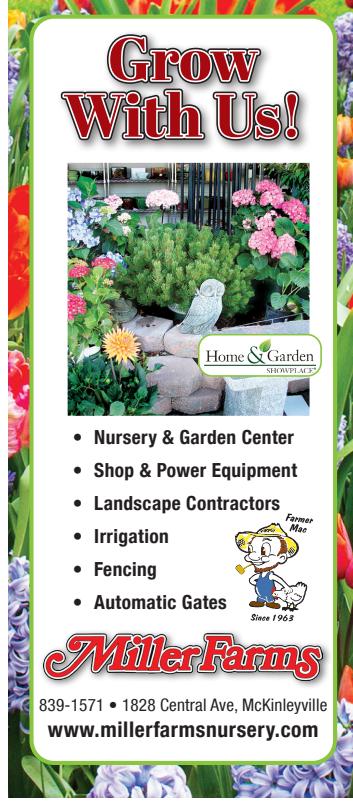
Orders also may be placed by sending choice and payment to: S. I. Arcata, P.O. Box 388, Arcata, CA 95518, by Saturday, June 4, 2022. Payment through Venmo is available.

Proceeds from this event will be used for scholarships for college-bound seniors. For more information or placing orders, please email siarcata@soroptimist.net or contact Patti Clinton at (707) 822-9494 or Peggy Dimmick at (707) 822-0539.

A&MRTS UPDATES

SCHEDULES The Arcata and Mad River Transit System (A&MRTS), which manages public transportation in the City of Arcata,

will make adjustments to bus route schedules starting on Monday, May 16. The Orange Transit Route will operate from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Saturdays. The transit office will be open from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. For more information about public transit in Arcata, email lschuetzle@cityofarcata.org or call (707) 822-3775. For more information on A&MRTS bus service, please call 311 or visit hta.org/agencies/arcata-and-mad-river.



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Drop-In sports opening

CITY OF ARCATA

ARCATA — The City of Arcata Recreation Division is thrilled to announce drop-in sports programming is re-opening at the Arcata Commu-

nity Center located at 321 Dr. M.L.K. Jr. Parkway.

For current information, check out the monthly calendar at cityofarcata.org/rec or call the Recreation Office at (707) 822-7091.

GO GREYHOUND Beginning on May 13, Greyhound buses are scheduled to depart from the Arcata Transit Center, located at 925 E St., Friday through Tuesday at 8:45 a.m. There are no Greyhound bus departures on Wednesdays or Thursdays. Beginning May 12, Greyhound buses are scheduled to arrive in Arcata at 8 p.m. Thursday through Monday with no arrivals on Tuesdays or Wednesdays. The Arcata Transit Center will now be open from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. Monday through Friday for ticket purchase. Customers may purchase E-tickets on smartphones or a computer by going to greyhound.com. For more information, please call (707) 825-8934 or Greyhound directly at 1-800-231-2222.



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Bown-Crawford to head up Humboldt Made

HUMBOLDT MADE

EUREKA — Humboldt Made is excited to welcome Nick Bown-Crawford as the new executive director of the local business community support non-profit.

Mr. Bown-Crawford brings a wealth of experience to Humboldt Made, including food service management, special event coordination, brand development and marketing.

With time spent in the hospitality sector in France, as well as, managing large operations in Atlanta, Georgia, Mr. Bown-Crawford is uniquely qualified to lead Humboldt Made.

His skills in organizational leadership will be an enormous benefit to the Humboldt Made community.

Humboldt Made was initiated by the County of Humboldt in 2010 to spur the growth of a diverse array of makers and producers.

The goal being to bring entrepreneurs together through networking and collaboration to overcome obstacles and achieve success together.

By creating brand awareness and increased sales beyond Humboldt's



Nick Bown-Crawford

borders Humboldt Made builds the foundation for a sustainable, local economy.

This vision grew to include events such as the Eureka Friday Night Market and other community enlivening happenings.

Mr. Bown-Crawford says, "I am thrilled to be taking the helm at Humboldt Made and excited for what the future holds. Our community is fortunate to have so many entrepreneurs and makers, I am ready to dive in and help our local businesses thrive, not only locally, but regionally and nationally."

Mr. Bown-Crawford grew up in Arcata, before leaving Humboldt for educational and life experiences.

He returned during the pandemic and has been managing local stand out baking company Natural Decadence.

Alanna Goldsmith has been the executive director since 2015, leading the organization through many iterations and economic challenges.

The Board of Directors of Humboldt Made would like to thank Ms. Goldsmith for her service to Humboldt Made and the community at large.

The Board wishes her the utmost success as she joins forces with her father at Radioparadise.com.

Humboldt Made encourages the community to reach out to Mr. Bown-Crawford and save hello. He can be reached at nick@humboldt-made.com.

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HUMBOLDT COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

MYRTLETOWN — On Wednesday, May 11 at about 2:06 p.m., a Humboldt County Sheriff's deputy on patrol in the Myrtletoon area, in the county's jurisdiction of Eureka, conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle being driven by a known wanted felony warrant suspect.

Deputies contacted the driver, 27-year-old Damon Wade Rogers, and took him into custody without incident for his warrants. A male passenger was also detained. During a search of Rogers and his vehicle incident to arrest, deputies located approximately two grams of fentanyl, drug paraphernalia and items consistent with the sale of controlled substances. Deputies also located property stolen during a burglary of a Eureka home.

Rogers was booked into the Humboldt County Correctional Facility on



Damon Wade Rogers

charges of possession of a controlled substance, possession of a narcotic controlled substance, transportation/sale of a controlled substance, possession of a controlled substance for sales and possession of a controlled substance paraphernalia, in addition to warrant charges of possession of a narcotic controlled substance, possession of a controlled substance paraphernalia, possession of cannabis, felon in possession of a firearm, person prohibited in possession of ammunition, possession of a billy club, possession of a switchblade knife, inflicting corporal injury on a spouse, prior felony conviction and prior serious felony conviction enhancement.

The passenger was released at the scene.

Anyone with information about this case or

Invasion plan goes awry when primitive armament, personnel prove ineffective

HUMBOLDT COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

MCKINLEYVILLE — On Tuesday, May 10 at about 11:47 p.m., Humboldt County Sheriff's deputies were dispatched to a residence on the 1700 block of Sigma Road in McKinleyville for the report of a burglary.

An adult female victim told dispatchers that she had arrived home to find a family member, 39-year-old David Michael Petersen, had forced entry into her residence without permission. Petersen reportedly threatened the victim with a machete. The victim was able to flee to safety and contact law enforcement. The victim did not sustain physical injury as a result of this incident.

Deputies arrived at the residence, located Petersen and took him into custody without incident.

Petersen was booked into the Humboldt County Correctional Facility on charges of assault with a deadly weapon other than a firearm, burglary and criminal threats.

Anyone with information about this case or related criminal activity is encouraged to call the Humboldt County Sheriff's Office at (707) 445-7251 or the Sheriff's Office Crime Tip line at (707) 268-2539.

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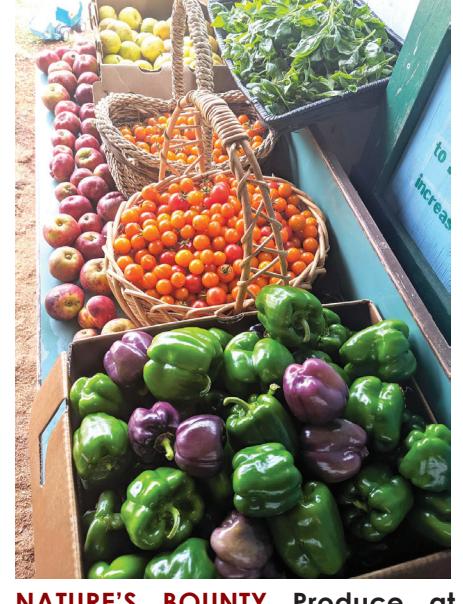
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ARCATA — The City of Arcata Recreation Division still has summer farm shares available at Bayside Park Farm. Farm share enrollment is currently available for weekly pick-ups beginning June 15.

Bayside Park Farm is a three-acre vegetable farm located in the City of Arcata's Bayside Park, which is dedicated to cultivating connections between the community and sustainable agriculture.

The Bayside Park Farm share program was the first Community Supported Agriculture program in Arcata and has provided the community with local, organic produce for 29 years.

Bayside Park Farm is located at 930 Old Arcata Road, and full shares cost \$520 for 20 weeks of organic, fresh produce and flowers from June through



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Hon. Chesa Boudin

San Francisco District Attorney 350 Rhode Island Street North Building, Suite 400N San Francisco, CA 94103

Re: The San Francisco Tenderloin Fentanyl Emergency

Dear District Attorney Boudin,

We are aware that the Mayor of San Francisco, Ms. London Breed, has declared a State of Emergency in the Tenderloin District of San Francisco. One of the main reasons she has done so is due to the fentanyl epidemic in the area. The "open air dealing" of drugs in the Tenderloin area is causing an environment in which these drugs can be easily located, transported, sold and distributed in the area with no repercussions.

We agree with the mayor and believe the state of affairs in the Tenderloin call for a State of Emergency. Not only does fentanyl cause an emergency for the citizens of San Francisco, but the emergency then spreads to other counties, like ours. The Humboldt County Drug Task Force has surveyed numerous suspected drug dealers and has followed them to the San Francisco Tenderloin District, wherein, they observed them purchasing fentanyl from dealers in the Tenderloin. They were then followed back to Humboldt where they were stopped, and the fentanyl was confiscated. In fact, four people were arrested on April 25, 2022, as they entered Humboldt County after they had purchased fentanyl from the Tenderloin District. Humboldt County had 2 arrests for fentanyl possession in 2020 and 84 arrests in 2021. Currently arrests for fentanyl possession in 2022 are already at 76 and it is only 4 months into the year.

As you are aware, fentanyl deaths due to overdose have become a great problem in California. The *San Francisco Chronicle* has reported 45 deaths from overdoses of fentanyl in March of 2022 in San Francisco alone. Humboldt County has also had many deaths due to the fentanyl that has made it to our county from the Tenderloin. In 2021, Humboldt County lost 35 citizens due to confirmed fentanyl overdoses. The Tenderloin District has become the hub for the purchase of drugs, specifically for the purchase of fentanyl. We ask that your office support the effort of your police department and prosecute the dealers that have taken over your County. It is crucial that the drug haven be dismantled, and the dealers be prosecuted to the full extent of the law in order to prevent another person from needlessly dying from this horrible drug.

City Attorney Dennis Herrera of San Francisco filed 28 civil lawsuits against known drug dealers seeking an injunction to prevent them from coming into the Tenderloin. He filed the injunctions in order to help stop the brazen open-air drug dealing that has plagued the Tenderloin neighborhood and caused many overdose deaths due to fentanyl. He stated that "We know who these predators are, and we will not allow them to victimize Tenderloin residents with impunity. Dealers take note: If you come to the Tenderloin, you will be arrested, and your drugs will be confiscated."

You have the ability to continue this effort by prosecuting all cases that are brought to your office and make sure the dealers around the state understand that they are not welcome into your county any longer. It is imperative that your office focus on this emergency and work with neighboring counties in order to establish both a short-term and long-term solution to this fentanyl crisis. The County of Humboldt refuses to sit idle while this drug pours into our county from the Tenderloin. If we cannot reach an acceptable solution, we may consider a legal remedy. We look forward to hearing from your office on this most important issue.

Sincerely,

Virginia Bass, Chair
Humboldt County Board of Supervisors

Correcting misinfo

My name is Juan Pablo Cervantes, and I am writing to Humboldt County as both a candidate for the Clerk, Recorder & Registrar of Voters and as a concerned voter.

On May 10, 2022, Tiffany Hunt Nielsen, a candidate for the Clerk, Recorder & Registrar of Voters emailed false and misleading information to as many as 33,000 registered voters across Humboldt.

Because the claims misled voters as to the nature of one of the offices they will be

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voting for, and because this misinformation was broadcast so widely, I am compelled to publicly correct the record.

Tiffany incorrectly asserted:

A little history about the position – the Elected Official is the Recorder. The Clerk and Registrar of Voters have been appointed by the Board of Supervisors – the Recorder is the Department Head over the Clerk and Registrar of Voters. This is why it is so important that the next Recorder has experience Recording.

This statement is completely false. The Board of Supervisors does not appoint these offices and the Recorder is not a department head that sits over the Clerk and Registrar.

How is your Clerk, Recorder & Registrar of Voters selected?

The selection of the Humboldt County Clerk, Recorder & Registrar is a power that belongs solely to Humboldt voters, to be decided at the ballot box. In fact, California Government Code includes specific provisions that prohibit our Board of Supervisors from appointing persons to oversee these three distinct offices.

There are three rules you should know to understand the legal mechanics of how we select a Clerk, Recorder & Registrar:

First, Government Code specifies the ten county officials that must be "elected by the people," including the County Clerk (inclusive of the Registrar duties) and the County Recorder. The only way that our Clerk or Recorder may become appointed by the Humboldt Supervisors is if a proposition is put to Humboldt voters and is "approved by a majority of the votes cast on the proposition." Never has such a proposition been approved by our voters. (Government Code Section 24009.)

Second, the Humboldt Board of Supervisors is permitted to consolidate elected county offices, using combinations specified in Government Code, so that the same person will hold and oversee multiple elected positions – one such combination is the Clerk and Recorder. And in 1996, our Board of Supervisors passed an ordinance to consolidate our County Clerk and Recorder offices. However, the consolidation of two offices does not result in either being abolished. So, our Clerk and Recorder remain distinct elected offices, even when held by the same person. (Government Code Sections 24300 and 24304; Humboldt County Code Section 2417-1.)

Third, Government Code is clear that our County Clerk (and not the Recorder) is also our Registrar of Voters. California law clearly prohibits the Humboldt County Supervisors from appointing our Registrar or separating the duties of the Registrar from the County Clerk. Having looked through more than 25 years of records, I can safely say that there is no evidence of the Supervisors previously voting on the appointment of the Registrar of Voters. (Government Code Sections 26802 and 26802.5; see also Government Code Section 25100.5; Elections Code Section 311 (repealed 2002))

I truly appreciate the diligence voters in Humboldt County take in deciding who to vote for. The truth is not something that we can afford to bargain with.

With utmost gratitude,
Juan Pablo Cervantes
Eureka

5G enabling Great Reset

My name is Dana Quillman and I am running for Arcata City Council. You may read about me and my viewpoints, and also see a lot of information that has been censored at danaquillman.com.

I am very concerned about the rollout of the 5G technology. The 5G technology is not needed except to bring in the "4th Industrial Revolution," aka, the Great Reset. There are 4 major components needed for this totalitarian agenda to be successfully achieved. They are 1) That every person on the planet must be subject to receive mandatory injections at the will of the government. 2) That every person

will have to function primarily on a smart phone to communicate and to make all financial transactions. 3) All currencies to be digitalized and all financial transactions recorded and tracked. 4) The 5G-technology to be rolled out all over the entire world. Once these things are achieved every person will be tracked, traced, surveilled, and on a social credit system. Whoever is in charge will control all of the money, the resources, the information, and every per-

son will basically become a slave, without freedom. In fact, any unwanted history may then be erased and free speech will be long gone. Then whoever is in control of this totalitarian dystopia may eliminate unwanted words from vocabulary such as "freedom" and "slavery." Within a few generations people may not even know that those two words ever existed, or be able to imagine their meaning. I know all of this sounds far-fetched, but it is not!

5G is the most important issue facing humanity today, for it is a genocidal event that will decimate humanity. It is estimated that within three generations only 1 child in 8 will be born without genetic defects. All life on earth is threatened, from humans to the microbes in our soil. Without microbes no plants will grow and we will have nothing to eat. These are the opinions of Dr. Barrie Trower taken from a *youtube.com* video titled, "5G: The Genocide Nature of Non-ionizing Radiation." Everyone should watch this video. Dr. Trower has a lot of knowledge of this technology from his life's work. His warnings should be heeded. However, he is not alone, there are hundreds of scientists in agreement that 5G is dangerous and no study has proven it to be otherwise.

Here in Humboldt County, most cities have already established ordinances for the 5G technology. Currently, the County of Humboldt is about to decide on ordinances for the county. The ordinances are being written right now and will be brought to the Board of Supervisors by the end of May. This is a good opportunity for people in our county to become educated about this very dangerous technology and also the bigger agenda of why we are all being forced into being exposed to it. It is one more giant experiment being conducted on the population of the whole world in spite of so many experts saying it is not safe.

We all have already been in a giant experiment for the last 2+ years, of being locked down, forced to face-mask, social distance, and many people have been coerced into taking experimental so-called vaccines, or face losing their livelihood. It is all wrong! All of this has been for one purpose and that is this agenda to create a one world government that will only benefit a teeny-tiny percentage of the population while wreaking destruction on the rest of the world. We must all stand up and say no before it is too late.

If I am elected, I will do whatever is in my power to keep freedom of speech, freedom over our bodies, and to stop the government overreach that is happening for a larger agenda, that is, to bring down our nation.

danaquillman.com

Dana Quillman
Arcata

Yurok Tribe for McLaughlin

YUROK TRIBAL COUNCIL

EUREKA – The Yurok Tribal Council announced their endorsement of Ben McLaughlin for Humboldt County Superior Court Judge. The Yurok join neighboring Hoopa Valley Tribe supporting McLaughlin, along with Del Norte County District Attorney Katherine Micks, former Humboldt District Attorney Paul Gallegos and a host of current and former Deputy District Attorneys and Public Defenders who have worked for years with McLaughlin.

McLaughlin stated, "I am honored to receive endorsements from the Hoopa Valley and Yurok Tribes. I've prosecuted and defended tribal members during my career, but always tried to treat Tribal members fairly and was cognizant of their unique circumstances. In addition, the Tribes recognize my commitment as we work in a collaborative process to establish a Memorandum of Understanding with Humboldt County's judicial partners to establish new avenues for improving outcomes and accountability for criminal behavior by tribal members."

For more information, contact ben4judge2022@gmail.com or visit Ben4Judge.com.

Del Norte DA for McLaughlin

EUREKA – Ben McLaughlin announced that Del Norte County District Attorney Katherine Micks has endorsed his campaign for Humboldt County Superior Court Judge.

Micks stated, "I've known Ben McLaughlin for 17 years. When I worked with him, Ben was a fair and committed Prosecutor. Those are attributes I know he'll

bring with him to the Bench."

McLaughlin has also been endorsed by retired Humboldt County District Attorney Paul Gallegos who said, "Judges are the pillar of our legal system, and our legal system can only be as good as the people that serve it. It is essential that a judge have courage, integrity, temperance, fairness, intelligence, and a commitment hard work. It is essential that Judges have these characteristics because the wisdom that we seek from judges is found at the intersection of these qualities. Ben McLaughlin has each of these qualities. I am pleased that he has chosen to serve our community as a Superior Court Judge."

Dems for Steward

HUMBOLDT COUNTY DEMOCRATIC CENTRAL COMMITTEE

EUREKA – The Humboldt County Democratic Central Committee has endorsed Steven Steward to be Humboldt County's next Superior Court Judge.

Mario Fernandez, Chairman of the Democratic Central Committee, writes:

"Steven Steward possesses the experience, temperament, and good judgment that our community not only expects, but needs from the next Humboldt County Superior Court Judge. Mr. Steward's proven track record of hard work, commitment, and dedication to Humboldt County is the reason that he carries such community support. With his extensive legal experience as both a defense attorney and prosecutor, he is well prepared for this important job and ready to bring fairness, compassion, and accountability to our courts."

This adds another important community endorsement to his growing list of supporters throughout Humboldt County and across the political spectrum. "I appreciate the support of the Humboldt County Democrats and look forward to working with members of all political parties as we enter the final month of this campaign." Said Steward. "Republicans, Democrats and independent voters have coalesced around this campaign's message of experience, fairness, compassion and accountability, and I appreciate their enthusiastic support."

For more information please go to stevensteward.com.

'Put the Earth on Top' being put on ballot

PUT THE EARTH ON TOP

ARCATA – The Humboldt County Elections Department informed us yesterday that we had gathered a sufficient number of valid signatures on our petition to qualify for the November ballot in Arcata.

The initiative directs the City of Arcata to fly the Earth flag at the top of all city-owned flagpoles, above the U.S. and California flags.

Flying the Earth flag at the top is only logical. The Earth includes our nation, which includes our state.

We need to pay more attention to the health of the Earth, because we can only have a healthy nation if we have a healthy Earth. Excess nationalism, corporate greed and rampant militarism threaten all life on Earth, both with unchecked global warming, and with the risk of nuclear war. By flying the Earth flag at the top, we make a strong statement that caring for the Earth is our first priority.

Volunteers gathered signatures for the ballot initiative between March 6 and April 26, when the petitions were turned in. The Humboldt County elections office reviewed the petition forms and found 1381 valid signatures. This is significantly more than the required 1137, which represents 10% of Arcata registered voters.

The measure will appear on an upcoming Arcata City Council agenda, where the council will have the option of approving it directly or placing it on the November ballot. Supporters are urging the council to let the voters decide, so it will be clear that the people of Arcata have chosen to Put the Earth on Top.

Text of the ballot initiative

The people of the City of Arcata do ordain as follows:

It shall be the official policy of the City of Arcata to fly the Earth flag at the top of all city-owned flagpoles, above the flag of the United States of America and the California flag, and any other flags that the city may choose to display.

For the purpose of this measure, the Earth Flag shall be defined as the flag featuring the "Blue Marble" image of the Earth, photographed from the Apollo 17 spacecraft, in 1972.

OPINION

In troubled times, the Human Rights Commission soldiers on

Headlines proclaim, "Mental Health Crisis for Humboldt," "Homeless Encampment Fire Threatens Forest," "Text Scandal Hidden from Public." What they all have in common is a discussion at a meeting of the Humboldt County Human Rights Commission, and a response from the Commission.

Human rights commissions were established by the State of California in the 1960s in response to the human rights and Civil Rights campaigns after World War II. The county of Humboldt authorized its commission in 1975 to promote tolerance and mutual respect between all persons, and to promote positive human relationships for the purpose of insuring public peace, health, safety, and the general welfare.

The 15-member board has

been charged to foster mutual respect and understanding among all people, including people subject to prejudice and discrimination due to race, creed, color, national origin, ancestry, physical disability, marital status, gender, sexual orientation, socioeconomic status, civic interest or any other factors; to make any studies in any field of human relationships in the county as, in the judgment of the commission, will aid in effectuating its general purposes; to conduct and recommend any educational programs as, in the judgment of the commission, will increase good will among inhabitants of

the county and to open new opportunities into all phases of community life for all inhabitants.

In addition, the commission is tasked to hold conferences and public meetings, to issue publications and reports of investigation, and to encourage and stimulate agencies under the jurisdiction of the Board of Supervisors to take any action as will fulfill the purposes of this commission's mandate.

The volunteer members of the commission operate with very limited support of the county and supported by the generosity of grants from the McLean Foundation and the Humboldt Area Foundation.

They take no salary, have no staff and as of May 2022 have only nine active members with six vacancies.

We maintain a 24/7 call line, (707) 268-2548 (voicemail only, NOT for crisis intervention) and can be reached by email at hhr@co.humboldt.ca.us.

Our primary purpose has been to act as a liaison for citizens interacting with our local government agencies. In recent months we have addressed the homeless crisis, human trafficking, medical shortfalls especially regarding the mentally ill, indigenous rights, the sanctuary ordinance and police-citizen relations.

We are working hard to expand our presence in Southern and Northern Humboldt especially our most rural areas, but we need your help. A common slogan these

days states "see something, say something." We need you to do something, too. Become our eyes and ears, share concerns on our phone line or email and we will do our best to raise awareness, find answers and bring about resolutions.

The last few years has seen an unending stream of crises. Acting together, we can make a difference. Will Rogers wrote almost a hundred years ago, "We will never have true civilization until we have learned to recognize the rights of others." There is no better time to act than today.

This is the first in a series of articles meant to keep the community informed of our activities. You can also watch our meetings on Facebook. We meet the first Thursday of every month, hopefully, in person, soon.



Larry's overreach

On the bottom of page 5 of the May 11, 2022 *Mad River Union*, there is an ad for Larry Doss for 5th District Supervisor. The 12 spokes of the wagon wheel in his ad have the names of the cities and areas of the 5th District. Blue Lake is printed on one of those spokes.

About 10 years ago, the City of Blue Lake was changed to be a part of the 3rd District, as McKinleyville was growing and the Arcata area shrunk.

Should someone be elected to an office when they don't even know who their constituents are? I don't think so.

Sincerely,
Blue Lake Mayor Adelene Jones
Blue Lake

Steve's tawdry tactics

Recently the 5th District incumbent and challenger Larry Doss faced each other in public forums. What has come to light is that our current Supervisor is not in favor of reliable water sources for all residents. This seems misguided at a time when Humboldt County families are struggling with food insecurity, high housing costs and natural disasters. Madrone prioritizes trails projects in Southern Humboldt and the creation of a park for visitors on a McKinleyville bluff. The supervisor seems to underestimate the severe impact crimes have on our communities and dismisses the importance of installing consequences for fentanyl dealers. Instead he looks to combat fentanyl-related deaths by providing housing and incentives. Unfortunately the supervisor's unreasonable demands of developers and failure to provide incentives get in the way of affordable development. Madrone frequently ignores current zoning and building rules and dismisses professional experts' opinions that don't align with his own. When offering hydrological consultation to the City of Trinidad Madrone based recommendations on false data and misleading information, which he presented under Board of Supervisor letterhead. There is a history of disrespect, false allegations and bullying which is not acceptable for leadership. While Madrone will continue to work hard for fish and trails, expect Larry Doss to work with and for Humboldt's residents, families, all tribes, farmers, fisheries, businesses, schools and organizations. Let's set our county up for a bright future, fight crime, save our water and jobs, provide housing for all! Vote for Larry Doss for 5th District Supervisor!

Katrin Homan
McKinleyville

Doubts about Doss

Please support Steve Madrone for District Number Five County Supervisor. Steve has lived in the District for more than four decades. He is a man of character with good values. He doesn't outright lie about where he lives, like his opponent in this election, the Realtor Larry Doss. Doss lives in Eureka and he's a climate change denying Republican of the worst kind. He's one of those men who lies about anything to get ahead. Did he really move to the Fifth District last October? Or at the beginning of the Pandemic, as he also claims? Or did he move to the Fifth District in 2004? Who can believe anything he says?

Madrone has undoubtedly lived in the District and made a difference with his thoughtful manner and his Supervisor voting record. The Doss character changes his story without remorse. It's pure chicanery. He doesn't live

in District Five. He doesn't even know when he moved there. We all know he's living in his Eureka home and feeding us a big lie. Why do we have to put up with this? Please vote for Steve Madrone, Humboldt County Supervisor for District Five.

Jack Kinnear
Eureka

Doss the salesman

A salesman will always be a salesman. Their first priority is closing the deal. If the truth doesn't work, then they will tell you what you want to hear by distorting the truth to make you like them. Whatever it takes to close the deal.

This worked for the crookedest sleazeball ever elected, the twice impeached #45. He never won the popular vote, despite promising everything under the sun. Remember how Mexico was going to pay for the wall on the southern U.S. border? Still waiting on that check.

Mr. Doss lives in Eureka, according to his driver's license, and receives a homeowner's property tax exemption on that residence. He also served on the Harbor District as 1st District Commissioner. When it is convenient, he says he lives in the 5th District hamlet of Orick in another home he owns. Did I mention that he's a salesman? Don't be fooled by Mr. Doss, he will do what is best for his business and his buddies.

Mr. Madrone has lived in the 5th District for decades. His accomplishments in the past four years as supervisor, and prior to that working for the community, are numerous. He listens to everybody and favors none. He returns calls, usually on the same day, and has demonstrated that he works hard for all of us. Please vote for Steve Madrone in June.

Robert Thoman
McKinleyville

Madrone is essential

The 5th District needs Steve Madrone. With the many future critical challenges facing our district, and county, we need Steve's knowledge and considerable abilities more than ever.

Sam King
McKinleyville

Madrone got it done

I'm endorsing Steve Madrone for 5th District Supervisor. I've known Steve since the late 1970s when we were both doing forestry work. He's lived in the 5th district ever since and worked in or with nearly every community, from Blue Lake to Hoopa to Orick to McKinleyville. While there are a lot of people to thank for the Hammond Trail, realistically, there wouldn't be a Hammond Trail without Steve. During his time as our supervisor he's helped increase pay for sheriff's deputies and continues to support full Sheriff's Department staffing. I've obviously known Steve for a long time and in my 40 year career as a professional forester I can't think of anyone I would want more for 5th District Supervisor than Steve Madrone.

Greg Blomstrom
Fieldbrook

Dillingham does the work

On June 7th, I will cast my vote for Cheryl Dillingham for Auditor-Controller. Cheryl's 35 years of experience in public sector finance and management, coupled with her integrity and dedication is exactly what we need to bring Humboldt's financ-

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es back in order, and get the reporting and reconciliation done that will keep state and federal funding secure. Cheryl has done the job before and she has always completed required reporting timely and accurately. Please join me in voting for Cheryl Dillingham; she will protect funding for important local programs and infrastructure.

Julie Neander
McKinleyville

Steward uniquely qualified

I have come to know Steve Steward as a neighbor, friend and family man. Steve grew up in Southern California but came up to Humboldt to graduate from HSU before launching his career working as a legislative assistant for Congressman Brad Sherman in Washington, DC, followed by law school in Washington, D.C. After graduating Steve joined a private practice in criminal defense work in Los Angeles. His attachment to this area brought him back to work in Humboldt as an assistant district attorney. He and his family have established themselves in this area with his two delightful daughters attending our local public elementary school. In our conversations, I have been impressed with Steve's work ethic, integrity and recognition of inequities in our society, all necessary to stand by justice for all. His professional background as a former defense attorney and a current assistant district attorney has contributed to an understanding of the complexity of human nature. I believe that he will apply this knowledge when making judicial decisions with intellect, probity and compassion.

Submitted by
Corinne Frugoni, M.D.
Arcata

Re-evaluate Gateway

After looking over the draft development plans for the proposed Gateway project, I was immediately opposed to the idea of 8-story apartments looming over the Arcata Bottoms, an area of known geological hazards as well as tsunami and storm surges exacerbated by sea level rise. Bob McPherson described those in stark terms in his thoughtful letter to the editor some weeks ago.

Several colleagues also enlightened me to the City's poorly executed planning process, a process where much was done without much opportunity for community input. This is contrary to how my beloved City has handled things in the past and very disappointing.

But the clincher was the immensely enlightening letter ("audit") by Dr. Andrea Tuttle, a much respected researcher and supporter of our community and how we wend our way through the inevitable growing pains of increasing population. Her insights demand re-evaluation and extensive revision of the awful plan put forward by City staff.

Here is a link to Dr. Tuttle's letter: madriverunion.com/articles/a-detailed-audit-of-the-draft-gateway-area-plan. I urge all residents to read this letter for a comprehensive understanding of the ramifications of the Gateway plan in its present form.

Randy Klein
Arcata

Heed Tuttle's 'audit'

Sincere appreciation to Andrea Tuttle for her truly extraordinary letter in the May 4 Union, "A detailed audit of the draft

Gateway Area Plan." Also appreciation to the *Union's* editor for featuring this informative and insightful communication prominently and in its entirety, with the Letter of the Week promotion.

Ms. Tuttle has performed an exceptional service to the community with her effective research, astute analysis, principled prioritization and remarkable clarity in summarizing a dauntingly complex proposal for massive community development. Her inclusion of reasonable and appropriate recommendations is also immensely helpful. I expect that I share with many in our community having some similar thoughts on a subset of the topics. But I had previously reached nowhere near the comprehensive understanding and assessment achieved and communicated both thoroughly and succinctly by Ms. Tuttle.

I encourage every member of the Arcata community to read Ms. Tuttle's letter, and then weigh in with your own opinions and insights – particularly directed to the City Council and Planning Commission, following Ms. Tuttle's lead – on the impactful issue for all of us of the draft Gateway Area Plan.

Link to letter here: madriverunion.com/articles/a-detailed-audit-of-the-draft-gateway-area-plan.

Bruce LeBel
Arcata

Tell the whole story

In his report on Measure F funds, Fire Chief Justin McDonald talks of how refinancing pension liabilities will result in a District Cash Flow Savings of \$2.5 million over the next 15 years. This is an average of \$167,000 savings per year. This is good news.

However, when government officials talk of saving money in this manner, it is a good idea to ask: "How much will the savings cost?" When an individual refinances a mortgage, a debt, to save money, the individual is told how much will be saved and how much the payments will be. Full disclosure and transparency on the part of Arcata Fire would have someone from Arcata Fire take on the role of Paul Harvey and tell us "The Rest of the Story" and report what the yearly pension debt payments will be over the next 15 years.

Thanks for listening
Patrick Cloney
Eureka

A Hawthornian compromise

In Nathaniel Hawthorne's *The Scarlet Letter*, the 17th Century protagonist Hester Prynne has an affair with a Puritan minister. As a result, she is required to wear a scarlet letter "A" for adultery as a mark of shame for her punishment.

As it appears today, the Supreme Court will essentially be punishing women by overturning its 1973 Roe vs Wade decision. It will leave many women with few safe options as a number of states intend to severely restrict or eliminate legal abortions altogether.

Instead of overturning Roe, the Supreme Court could reach back to Hawthorne's proposed 17th Century solution. They could leave Roe vs Wade in place and just require that any woman who has an abortion wear a symbolic scarlet letter "A" for nine months as a sign of her action.

This could be considered a reasonable compromise since it would still allow women safe legal options while knowing there would be a Hawthornian consequence to face.

Sherman Schapiro

Eureka

SCENE

Symphony performs 'Alluring Influences'

EUREKA SYMPHONY

EUREKA — Well-known jazz virtuoso Jenny Scheinman makes her debut as a symphony violin soloist, in collaboration with the Eureka Symphony for a dynamic performance of Eddie Sauter's *Focus!* on Friday, May 20 and Saturday, May 21 at 8 p.m. at the Arkley Center for the Performing Arts.

This concert will be a rare opportunity for the audience to hear this iconic score performed by Scheinman and the Eureka Symphony. She said she is "a huge fan" of the Eureka Symphony and that it's "spiritual rivals anything she saw on the stage at Carnegie Hall."

Scheinman describes the concert as the culmination of all the fun she's been having with Music Director Carol Jacobsen to bring this "first public collaboration of the greatest score ever written for the two of us — classical orchestra and improvising soloist!"

Focus! was originally conceived by Sauter as "seven different fairytales...as if Hans Christian Andersen were a musician."

Written for string orchestra, percussion, and a freely improvising soloist, its most famous rendition was released by Stan Getz in 1961 to huge popular and critical acclaim among jazz and classical audiences.

It has only been performed a handful of times since, and has never been re-recorded by a different improvisor. Scheinman considers this concert a rich opportunity to "look at this gorgeous, romantic, whimsical, kaleidoscopic, fairytale piece from a new perspective."

Another highlight of the "Alluring In-



EUREKA SYMPHONY Jenny Scheinman performs with the Eureka Symphony this weekend.

PHOTO BY KRISTINE LARSEN

fluences" concert will be the celebratory performance of Florence Price's *Symphony #1* melding West African rhythms and soulful spirituals with classical tradition. Price was a groundbreaking composer on many levels and it's fitting her music will be performed in this uplifting finale to the Eureka Symphony's 2021-2022 30th Anniversary Season.

Tickets can be purchased online at eurekasymphony.org or by calling the ticket line at (707) 845-3655. Ticket prices range from \$19 to \$49. RUSH tickets available at the door at 7 p.m. for \$15, students with ID \$10. RUSH tickets are cash only.



FIRE ARTS The Fire Arts Center is again featuring the work of members, students, and instructors in its Fire Arts Center Gallery. For May, the Gallery is featuring the intriguing work of ceramic artists, Jenna Santangelo and Miriam Wheeler. Jenna's sculptures explore combinations of human and animal anatomy melded together revealing evocative events and narratives. Miriam is displaying a variety of vases with sculpted faces conveying various emotional states and

Afternoon of Jazz at Morris Graves Museum

MORRIS GRAVES MUSEUM OF ART

EUREKA — Visit the Morris Graves Museum of Art, 636 F St. in Eureka, for an afternoon of great music on Sunday, May 22 at 3 p.m.

The Tristan Norton Trio will perform a diverse assortment of jazz standards, old and new, along with some select original compositions.

This trio approaches their music with adventurous dynamics, fresh aes-

thetics, and contemporary sensibilities that serve to ensure a captivating experience of this long-enduring musical tradition.

The trio will touch on the compositions of some of the eternal jazz greats including Duke Ellington, Thelonious Monk, Joe Henderson, Herbie Hancock, and more. The trio consists of Tristan Norton, guitar; Danny Gaon, upright bass; and Shane Fox, drums.

After establishing a 10-

year musical practice in the San Francisco Bay area where he earned his Bachelor's in Jazz Studies from the California Jazz Conservatory and performed with many musical groups in many capacities, Norton relocated to the Humboldt Bay region and gained a substantial footing in the vibrant music community found here. The various concert opportunities found in this area have allowed him to showcase his musical voice and to include some of the region's top musical talent.

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ARCATA PLAYHOUSE Barbaro takes the stage Thursday, May 26.

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Indie folk bluegrass band at Playhouse

ARCATA PLAYHOUSE

ARCATA — The indie folk bluegrass group Barbaro will perform at the Arcata Playhouse, 1251 Ninth St. on Thursday, May 26 at 8 p.m.

Arcata audiences have the opportunity to enjoy this evening with one of the Midwest's most in-demand acoustic acts. Barbaro's musical vision explores their collective life experiences through intricate

instrumentation, creatively bending traditional music into a style that is all their own.

The Minneapolis-Winoona based rising stars have created their eclectic sound through original songwriting craft, with inspiration derived from bluegrass, jazz and chamber music.

Their new album, *Dressed in Roses*, was released in January 2020. Its most popular track has

over 2 million listens on Spotify.

Tickets are \$18 for general admission, and \$16 for students/seniors/members.

They can be purchased at arcataplayhouse.org/events, at Wildberries Marketplace or by calling (707) 822-1575.

Guests will be required to wear masks and show proof of vaccination at the door.

RICHARD'S GOAT Anika will play Wednesday, May 18 at Richard's Goat at 401 I St. in Arcata. Anika, the project of Berlin-based musician Annika Henderson, offers skittering, austere electronic backdrops with Anika's remarkable voice: Nico-esque, beautifully plaintive, and totally resolute. Doors open at 7:30 p.m., show starts at 8 p.m. 21 and over. Tickets are \$17 in advance and may be purchased by visiting richardsgoat.com, and \$20 at the door. For more information, call (707) 630-5000.

MARLON WAYANS Actor, comedian, writer and producer Marlon Wayans will perform two shows of his Microphone Fiend tour Thursday, May 19 at the Sapphire Lounge at the Blue Lake Casino at 777 Casino Way in Blue Lake. Two 90-minute shows at 6 p.m. and 9 p.m. 21 and over. For tickets and more information, visit bluelakecasino.com or call (707) 668-9770.

RICHARD'S GOAT Rose City Band will play Thursday, March 19 at Richard's Goat at 401 I St. in Arcata. Celebrated guitarist Ripley Johnson's classically West Coast songs communicate emotions entirely of the moment with both his lyrics and intimate vocal style, as well as his elegant guitar lines and counter-melodies on the pedal steel. Doors open at 7:30 p.m., show starts at 8 p.m. 21 and over. Limited early bird tickets are \$10 and then \$15 by visiting richardsgoat.com. For more information, call (707) 630-5000.

STINKFOOT ORCHESTRA The Stinkfoot Orchestra performs Friday, May 20 at Humboldt Brewery, 856 10th St. in Arcata. 15-piece tribute to Frank Zappa fronted by Zappa alumni Napoleon Murphy Brock based in San Jose. Doors open at 7:30 p.m., show starts at 8 p.m. All ages. Tickets are \$20 and are available at the door or by visiting humbrews.com. For more information, call (707) 826-BREW.

ARCATA THEATRE LOUNGE Humboldt Hard Rock Night will happen Friday, May 20 at the Arcata Theatre Lounge at 1036 G St. in Arcata. ThunderCloud (music with no fear and no compromise), Ultramafic (stoner metal instrumental power trio) and War Moth (original heavy rock 'n' roll). Doors open at 7 p.m., show starts at 8 p.m. 21 and over. Tickets are \$10 and are available by visiting arcatatheatrelounge.com. For more information, call (707) 613-3030.

THE LOGGER Barn will perform Friday, May 20 at the Logger bar at 510 Railroad Ave. in Blue Lake. Hard-hitting classic and original honky tonk country music born in the hills of the Pacific Northwest. 8 p.m. For more information visit theloggerbar.com.

RICHARD'S GOAT Michael Seyer will play Monday, May 23 at Richard's Goat in Arcata at 401 I St.. Japanese city pop combined with Brazilian boogie help make Michael Seyer one of the most outstanding artists creating music in the indie pop space today. Doors open at 7:30 p.m., show starts at 8 p.m. 21 and over. Tickets are \$15 and may be purchased by visiting richardsgoat.com. For more information, call (707) 630-5000.

ARCATA THEATRE LOUNGE Marcus King will perform Monday, May 23 at the Arcata Theatre Lounge at 1036 G St. in Arcata. A 25-year-old guitar phenom and innovative songwriter, Marcus King can simultaneously switch from swaggering rock to supersonic soul. Doors open at 7 p.m., show starts at 8 p.m. All ages. Tickets are \$39 and are available at the door or by visiting arcatatheatrelounge.com. For more information, call (707) 613-3030.

COMING UP Big Mountain at Humboldt Brewery, 9:30 p.m., Saturday, June 25, tickets at humbrews.com.

DELL'ARTE INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL OF PHYSICAL THEATRE The Performance Training Intensive is a two-week workshop designed specifically for pre-collegiate students interested in developing their skills as actors for the stage. Open to those 14 to 18 years of age who wish to jump into physical theatre training with or without previous performance experience. The Performance Training Intensive will take place at Dell'Arte International School of Physical Theatre in Blue Lake, from June 21 to July 1, 2022. To register visit dellarte.com/information-form/. Contact admissions@dellarte.com or call and leave a message at (707) 668-5663.

HUMBOLDT LIGHT OPERA COMPANY HLOC cordially invites every current or former performer to participate in *49 Years of Musical Theater, Celebrating our Past, Creating our Future*, a musical revue that will shine the spotlight on the company's rich musical history and its bright future. All are invited to share in this magical event scheduled for the weekend of Aug. 13 and 14. If interested, please go to hloc.org, scroll down on the home page, and follow the link to the "Revue Interest Form." Fill out the brief form and send it back so you, too, can be part of this once in a lifetime revue! (More, page 12.)

The Humboldt Light Opera Company's very special casting call

HUMBOLDT LIGHT OPERA COMPANY
SUNNY BRAE — Humboldt Light Opera Company is almost 50 years young. What would better way to celebrate this longevity than a weekend full of music?

Here's where you all come in! HLOC cordially invites every current or former performer to participate in "49 Years of Musical Theater, Celebrating our Past, Creating our Future," a musical revue that will shine the spotlight on the company's rich musical history and their bright future.

All are invited to share in this magical event scheduled for the weekend of August 13 and 14.

The Company is reaching out to those of you who have performed or otherwise participated in an HLOC show or group at any time within the last six decades? Perhaps you have not, but you may have children, grandchildren, friends, co-workers or neighbors who have done so. You might encourage them to once again join this vibrant company to help create this exciting event.

For this revue the company is excited to bring together singers from throughout their history.



STAGE SPECTACLE The cast of HLOC's production of *Pirates of Penzance*.

Considering HLOC has produced 142 different shows, this production promises to be a show stopping collection of singers and musical performances!

Since its beginning in 1973, HLOC has always tried to live up to its mission that anyone who

has ever dreamed about being on stage should have that opportunity!

This led HLOC to develop a variety of performing arts opportunities for local singers such as with its women's ensemble, The Babes and, subsequently, The

Guys Chorus.

KIDCO was started in 1998 when the company recognized the need for musical theater education for children of all ages; the Boomer Troupe was started in 2017 to provide opportunities for only older singers to share in

unique performances.

The S. P. A. C. E. (Sunny Brae Performing Arts Center for Education), dedicated to musical education and experience, was opened by HLOC in early 2015. Having this rehearsal and storage space has allowed for an expansion of its KIDCO program as well as providing a venue for a wide variety of classes for adults and older members of this community.

This is an open invitation to anyone who has ever been in one of the company's many productions.

If interested, please go to [hloc.org](#), scroll down on the home page, and follow the link to the "Revue Interest Form." Fill out the brief form and send it back so you, too, can be part of this once in a lifetime revue! It's time to make some HLOC magic!

Note: With COVID-19 protocols in place the company believes it is possible to offer its revue in a safe and responsible way. Participants and audience members will be required to meet those protocols.

We hope to hear from you!

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NPA's Choices showing at Van Duzer Theatre

NPA YOUNG ACTORS' GUILD

ARCATA — The Young Actors' Guild from North-coast Prep is presenting their final show for the year, *Choices*, at 7 p.m. on Thursday, May 19; Friday, May 20; and Saturday, May 21 in the Van Duzer Theatre on

the Cal Poly Humboldt campus. The show will also be performed on Sunday, May 22 at 3 p.m.

The show is inspired by Edna St. Vincent Millay's *Aria da Capo* and the music and songs of Hirson and Schwartz. *Choices* celebrates the potential life offers for today's youth with live mu-

In an action-packed evening filled with the spirit of mutual need and optimistic cooperation, over 150 community-minded citizens met last Wednesday and successfully created a much-needed Greater McKinleyville Chamber of Commerce. Elected officers are: Earl Whipple, president; Gene Pickett, vice president; Howard Emmerson, treasurer, Wava DeMotte, secretary.

— Arcata Union, December 1, 1967

sic, art and choreography by the ensemble of players.

As relevant today as it was in 1919, *Aria da Capo* challenges us to become conscious of how our daily life can become entangled in an increasingly escalating cycle of violence.

Passionately concerned about social justice and personal integrity, Edna St. Vincent Millay dramatizes the consequences which result when we allow nationalism, fear, greed, habitual behavior, or tyrannical political systems, no matter what their label or whatever name they call themselves, to rule our lives.

Whenever the human spirit, the personal attempts to assert itself, the character of Cothurnus,

representative of the external societal reality, invades and overshadows.

The Shepherds build their wall, and the "game" of war and greed goes on. The vitality of the moment becomes trapped, sapped of its energy, and love is turned into an empty ceremony consisting of eating macaroons and artichokes.

But the second half of this production presents what might happen when music, song and dance enter.

Multiple alternative choices appear that celebrate the potential energy, courage and joy of our young actors as they search to understand what it means to be human and discover ways to affirm their presence on this planet with compassion and integrity.

Trash Fashion Show at Arcata Playhouse

APPRENTICE ENTERTAINMENT

CREAMERY DISTRICT — Apprentice Entertainment presents: Trash Fashion Show with an Art Exhibit and poetry Saturday, May 28 at 7 p.m., doors at 6:30 p.m. After Party at 9 p.m. Admission is \$5.

Arrive in an outfit to rock the runway in, or just sit back and enjoy the show! Trash art will also be on display in the lobby.

To show your trash art in the gallery, contact ae@arcataplayhouse.org or just show up early with your pieces. Doors will open for building trash art together at 6:30 p.m. and the show will begin at 8 p.m. After the event, we will have dancing, snacks and photography!

The event is \$5, with nobody turned away for lack of funds. Come get trashy and show off your best looks!



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